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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION MAILED APRIL 21, 2005

Please find response to Office communication below. I have filed for an extension and enclosed the required fee of \$510.00.

Responses

Claims 12-24

Claim 12 is corrected, "allowing prospective suppliers to assess or view the requisition on line"

Claim 17 recites "authorized supplier" authorized supplier is intended. Potential and authorized suppliers have access, authorized suppliers are notified.

Claim 20 recites steps a) - d); this sequence of steps is the method for the prospective supplier. The sequence of step identifiers in Claim 12 is the method for the organization.

Claim 21 recites steps e) - g); the Examiner may have overlooked that these are additional and different step identifiers which include "changing the requisition to a closed status"; "reviewing the bids"; and "selecting based on the organizations selection criteria".

Claim 22 recites steps a) - b); the Examiner may have overlooked that these are additional and different step identifiers, which include "time period during which said prospective suppliers who have a bid to alter or withdraw their bid; and "setting a specific time when bids can no longer be withdrawn or altered".